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Subject: Mitigation Site Agreement between  
Howard County Department of Public Works and Columbia Association  
Howard County Capital Project No. S-6175: Little Patuxent Parallel Sewer Interceptor

Dear Mr. Walbeck:

Howard County proposes the construction of a parallel sewer interceptor along the Little Patuxent River within Howard County, Maryland. Specifically, the project area consists of a corridor following the alignment of the existing Little Patuxent Sewer from the Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant near Savage, Maryland extending north to Maryland Route 108, for a total distance 55,000 linear feet (10.4 miles). The proposed parallel sewer interceptor is needed due to limitations of capacity in the existing sewer to handle current and future wastewater flows within the existing Little Patuxent sewer shed.

Impacts to Waters of the United States (WUS), including jurisdictional wetlands, regulated buffers and the 100-year floodplain are unavoidable during the construction of this parallel sewer interceptor system. The majority of project-related impacts to regulated resources would be considered temporary in nature. However, there are limited permanent impacts that would result from the conversion of palustrine forested wetlands to palustrine emergent wetlands within the newly acquired easement areas. In addition, permanent impacts to regulated WUS would result from the placement of stone stabilization measures within the channel at select utility crossings.

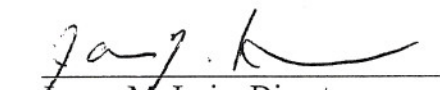
It is the intention of Howard County to develop, in coordination with Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), a mitigation package to adequately account for project-related permanent impacts to natural resources affected by the sewer installation project. The majority of sites currently under consideration for the development of compensatory mitigation areas are located within Open Space lands owned by the Columbia Association (CA). The area of potential wetland mitigation is located in the southwest quadrant of the Little Patuxent Parkway and US Rte. 29 interchange. The area of potential stream mitigation is located in stream reach between Broken Land Parkway and MD Rte. 32.

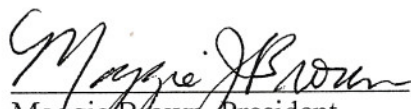
Howard County and CA met on November 7, 2007 to discuss an arrangement to allow for the use of CA Open Space lands for the development of compensatory mitigation for the impacts described above. The purpose of this letter, resulting from said meeting, is to inform MDE and the COE that CA anticipates allowing the use of CA Open Space lands, in line with the discussion at that meeting, for the development of wetland and stream mitigation related to the Little Patuxent Parallel Sewer Interceptor project, pending a comprehensive analysis by CA of their current and future use of these lands.

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If you have questions concerning the proposed project or require additional information, please contact Mr. Kin Siew, Project Manager, Howard County, at (410) 313-6124, or our Environmental Consultant for this project, Mr. James Deriu, KCI Technologies, Inc, at (410) 316-7865.

Very truly yours,

  
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